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SERIAL NO: 09/551,466 :

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FOR: IMAGE BINARIZATION :
APPARATUS, IMAGE BINARIZATION
METHOD, IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS,
IMAGE PICKUP METHOD, AND A
COMPUTER PRODUCT

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of October 6, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 35 of this paper.

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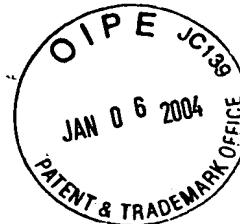
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required
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